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By the Lords Justices

A PROCLAMATION.

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WHereas We have Received Information that great number of Persons have frequently of late assembled themselves together, and committed great Outrages and Riots in the County of Kent, by coming with Arms, and with open Violence breaking into and Robbing the Parks of several Gentlemen in the said County, and particularly that on the Eighteenth day of August last, several Horsemen, to the number of Forty or more, Armed with Guns, Swords, and other Weapons, as also with Toils and Dogs, did in a Riotous and Violent manner in the Night time, enter into the Park of Sir John Banks Baronet, at Aylesford near Maidstone in the said County of Kent, and there killed and carried away several Deer, broke up and threw down great part of the Park Pales, and committed divers other Acts of Violence, to the great Disturbance of the Publick Peace, and contrary to the known Laws of this Kingdom: We therefore being desirous that such Offenders should be discovered and brought to condign Punishment for their Offences, have, with the Advice of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, thought fit to Issue this Proclamation, hereby Commanding all His Majesty's Loving Subjects to Discover, Take and Apprehend the Persons concerned in the aforesaid Riot and Robbery of Sir John Banks his Park where ever they or any of them may be found, and to carry them before one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or before the Chief Justice of the Court of Kings Bench, or before some Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate; which Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, in case any of the said Offenders shall be brought before him, is hereby Required to Commit him to the next Goal, there to remain until they shall give sufficient Bail to appear the next Term in the Court of Kings Bench, and thereof give Notice to One of the Principal Secretaries of State, or to the Chief Justice of the Kings Bench. And We do hereby Publish and Declare, that whosoever shall Conceal any of the said Persons, shall be Proceeded against with the utmost severity according to Law. And whosoever shall Discover and Apprehend the said Persons, or any of them, at any time within the space of two Months next ensuing, and bring them before any of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or before the Chief Justice of the Court of Kings Bench, or before some Justice of Peace, or Chief Magistrate, shall Receive, as a Reward, One hundred Pounds; which said Sum of One hundred Pounds the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are hereby directed to Pay. And We do hereby further promise, That if any Person concerned in the said Riot shall at any time within two Months next ensuing, and before he is Discovered and Apprehended, Discover and Apprehend any the Persons concerned in the said Riot, and Robbery, and carry them before One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or before the Chief Justice of the Court of Kings Bench, or before such Justice of Peace, or Chief Magistrate, as aforesaid, such Person shall not only have and receive the said Reward of One Hundred Pounds, but shall also have His Majesty's Gracious Pardon for such his Offence.

Given at the Court at *Whitehall* the Seventeenth Day of *September*, 1697. In the Ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

Dublin, September 11. On the 6th Instant Heads of a Bill for preventing frivolous and vexatious suits, were reported to the House from the Committee, and agreed to, and ordered to be presented to the Lords Justices that the same may be put into form and transmitted into *England*. *A Bill for translating the Archiepiscopal See and Cathedral Church of* Tuam to Gallway *and making a Cathedral there*, were read a Second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House. Heads of a Bill for more easie and speedy securing and Recovery of small Debts were read, agreed to, and ordered to be presented to the Lords Justices. The House went into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Heads of a Bill for Encouragement of the Linnen Manufacture, and went through the same, and ordered that it be reported next Thursday. *A Bill for the confirmation of Articles made at the surrender of the City of* Limerick, was presented to the House and read the first time.

The 7th, the House according to order for the day went into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of ways and means for raising the supply Granted to His Majesty, and came to several resolutions which are ordered to be reported to morrow. Heads of a Bill for easie obtaining partition of Lands in Copercenary, Tenancy in Common, and joynt Tenancy were read, agreed to, and ordered to be presented to the Lords Justices.

The 8th, the House went into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Heads of a Bill for Registring of Deeds, Conveyances, and Wills, and went through the same; The report to be made next Saturday. Mr. Sollicitor-General reported from the Committee of the whole House for the Supply, that they had come to several Resolutions, which were Read and Agreed to by the House, and 'twas ordered that Mr. Sollicitor and Mr. Chancellor of the *Exchequer*, do prepare and bring in Heads of a Bill pursuant to the said Resolutions. The House took into consideration the Report of the Committee, concerning the Protestant strangers in this Kingdom, and agreed to the same with some Amendments, and ordered that

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